82D CONGRESS 2d Session } SENATE { REPORT No. 2106

# AMENDING THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR EQUALITY OF GRADE, PAY, AND ALLOWANCE BETWEEN THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF THE COAST GUARD AND COMPARABLE OFFICERS IN THE ARMY

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[To accompany H. R. 7722]

The Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7722) to amend the Public Health Service Act so as to provide for equality of grade, pay and allowance, between the Chief Medical Officer of the Coast Guard and comparable officers of the Army, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

### EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

H. R. 7722 amends subsection (a) of section 206 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U. S. C. 207 (a)) so as to provide that the public health officer assigned as the Chief Medical Officer of the United States Coast Guard shall, while assigned as such, have the grade corresponding with the grade of major general, with the pay and allowances thereof.

The bill was reported favorably by the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce on July 1, 1952, and passed the House of Representatives on July 2, 1952, under suspension of the rules.

Under the provisions of section 205 (b) of the Public Health Service Act six statutory Assistant Surgeon General positions are provided for. With the exception of the Chief Dental Officer of the service for whom the grade of major general is specified by virtue of the provisions of Public Law 246 (82d Cong.), each of the Assistant Surgeons General may hold the grade corresponding with either the grade of brigadier general or that of major general. At the present time, as

the result of administrative action, all of the six Assistant Surgeons General except the Chief Medical Officer of the Coast Guard hold the grade corresponding with that of major general.

The committee believes that all six of the positions in question should have the same grade. The purpose of the bill is to assure such equality of grade, pay, and allowances among these top administrative officers who occupy positions of comparable responsibility. The bill will in fact achieve this purpose at the present time in view of the administrative allocations of grade among these various positions.

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